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NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE

Mr. Doug Ebert
Erie County Health Department
606 West 2nd Street
Erie, PA 16507

Re: Raw Sewage Overflow
Shorehaven Pumping Station

Dear Mr. Ebert:

This letter is a follow up to the telephone report and fax to your office concerning the above referenced incident of August 16, 2001. Attached is a copy of the fax and a map showing the location of the pumping station.

At this time we believe an electrical power variation caused the pumps to shut down and for some unknown reason they did not restart. The station has auxiliary power, but since it is believed the power fluctuation was only of short duration, the automatic transfer switch was not activated. GPU recorded no outages in this time period nor did they receive any complaint calls from this area.

With respect to the probable discharge volume, we have been able to take metered flow records for similar dry days during this time period to better estimate the volume of sewage that may have been discharged. A more accurate estimate is approximately 10,000 gallons.

On Friday morning the Millcreek staff policed the area of discharge.

Some time ago, we had experienced problems with the motor control center portion of the electrical system. Despite being only about 10 years old, the manufacturer of the panel no longer is in this business resulting in difficulties getting service and repairs.

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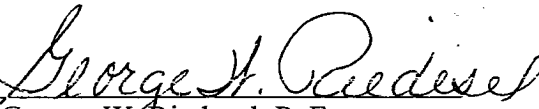
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We have asked our consulting engineers to advise us on possible replacements and to generally check the pumps' performance.

Please advise if there might be any additional information we could provide.

Very truly yours,

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TO: Joe Vogel, Erie County Health Dept. @ 451-6775

FROM: George Riedesel

SUBJECT: Raw sewage overflow into unnamed ravine between Shorehaven Dr. and Glenruadh Ave. to Lake Erie.

Station alarm in @ 8:18 pm
Alarm cleared @ 8:57 pm } 39 minutes of overflow

Best estimate of sewage flow at this time would be between 15,000 to 30,000 gallons.

REPLY REQUIRED: YES ☐ NO ☐

More complete report to be transmitted next week.

Please advise if anything else is necessary at this time.

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